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TWO MADE THREE TRIPS THIS WEEK.

SCHS. EMILY COONEY AND MARY E. COONEY LED T WHARF FLEET.

Only half a dozen of the market boats are at T wharf this morning. Two of them, schs. Emily Cooney and Mary E. Cooney, have their third trip of the week the former hauling for 18,000 and the latter for 15,000 pounds. Both crafts have struck a fine market each time in and their crews must have made a fine bit of money.

The other craft in this morning have small fares. Yesterday afternoon three of the market boats were in, one of them, sch. Aspinet, which had evidently been fishing to the eastward, had 60,000 pounds of fish among which were 35,000 pounds of cusk and 15,000 pounds of hake.

For the week ending Thursday night there were landed at T wharf, 61 fares aggregating 1,531,800 pounds of fresh fish, against 120 arrivals with 3,146,400 pounds of fresh fish for the corresponding week last year.

Haddock this morning brought \$3.25 and \$3.35 and large cod sold at \$4.75 to \$5.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Annie M. Hamilton, 600 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 1500 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Esther Gray, 2500 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. Morning Star, 1300 cod.
Sch. Aspinet, 3500 haddock, 7000 cod, 15,000 hake, 35,000 cusk.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 cod.
Sch. Georgianna, 5000 cod.
Haddock, \$3.25 to \$3.35 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5; market cod, \$4.

Lake Boat Fleet May Be Increased.

One of the big fish men of Ashtabula, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie, and who is interested in a large fleet of what are known here as "lake boats," was here a while ago looking over the ground and seeing how the fishing is carried on here and also to see how the fleet of lake boats now here are doing. As a result of his visit it is reported that the lake boat fleet here is to be largely increased and that fully 20 of these craft are to come here from Ashtabula before many months.

These lake boats here have been doing big since the first of March, making big catches, but previous to that, during the winter, they did not do very well.

Fishermen Arriving.

Quite a number of fishermen came Wednesday and more are expected tomorrow. Next week will see quite a number of the dory handliners and drifters start in to fit out. Several of the southern seiners will also begin to get ready and a number are expected to sail before Easter.

Sailed South Seining.

There was another addition to the southern mackerel seining fleet this morning, sch. Sylvania, Capt. Lemuel E. Firth, hoisting her sails and heading off for the south.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Teazer sold yesterday to the American Halibut Company at 12 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

On the Railways.

Schs. Romance and Appomattox are on Burnham Brothers' railways.
Sch. Eugenia is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sale of Handline Georges Cod Fare.

The fare of handline Georges salt cod of sch. Arthur D. Story sold to George Perkins & Son.

Rips Fleet Started Today.

The first of the Rips, or drift, fleet sailed today, those to go being schs. Corsair, Good Luck and Olympia.

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SALVAGE WILL BE STORED.

No Attempt To Be Made at Present to Raise Lumber Sch. Colonial.

Nothing will be done at present toward raising the wrecked sunken sch. Colonial, at Burgo, N. F. All that can be saved from the craft will be stored at Burgeo, and Capt. Upshall and Thomas will then come home.

The weather there at present is very cold and there is considerable ice. No steamer can be secured to work at present, and as it is felt that where the craft lies, she will meet with no more damage if left there for a while, the attempt to float her will be put off until warmer and more seasonable weather comes, when the work can be done easier and quicker than at present.

Portland Fish Notes.

Thursday the steamer Carrie and Mildred arrived at Portland after a trip out around the lightship after cod, haddock and other fish. But Capt. George McLain had much more to offer than these ordinary brands when he returned. His steamer took on the character of a veritable curiosity ship.

Lying on the deck was a good sized porpoise from which a young porpoise had been cut. Near this was a handsome sturgeon. These fish excited considerable admiration, but the real surprise was kept for later. Capt. McLain brought from the pilot house the biggest lobster that has been caught off this port in years. He weighed seven pounds strong and nearly filled a bushel basket. Reckoning lobsters as they are now priced, this king of the crustacean was worth pretty near five dollars for the retail market. A number of other lobsters were also secured in the nets, but they were not to be compared with this big fellow.

Sch. Wesley W. Sennett also brought in about 6000 pounds of pollock, and as yesterday was a fine fish day it is likely that a good catch was made by the pollockers who were fishing in the Sheepscot river.

Large Haddock Fleet Expected.

A big fleet of the off-shore haddockers is looked for at T wharf the first half of next week and being the last week in Lent, a fair market is looked for. Quite a number of the big fellows are also due at Port Clyde next week. After this trip a number of them will haul out to fix up and get ready for the shacking season and their Cape North trips, while some will shift over to mackerel seining, and fit for one trip south and Cape Shore, so that they can stay to the southward a few days later and then make a straight wake for the Cape Shore without having to come in here.

Seized Fish Cargo Sold.

The cargo of fish on board the French steam trawler Baleine which has been under seizure at North Sydney, C. B., for several months, at the instance of different parties was sold at auction Tuesday at noon by Sheriff Ingraham pursuant to an order of the admiralty court. Angus Young of the firm of C. & W. Hackett was the highest bidder and bought the fish at 2 cents a pound. The whole cargo is comprised of 800 quintals, the fish being in excellent condition. The steamer is also advertised to be sold the 23d.

Price of Lobsters Dropping.

The beginning of the end has come and the price of lobsters has already begun to drop from their abnormally high level. Yesterday they were being sold by the Portland wholesalers at 40 cents a pound alive, while the fishermen were receiving 35 cents apiece for them. From now on the price will go down and probably with a big jump, too. Many thousands of crustaceans are expected in Boston and when they arrive the bottom will fairly drop out of the market, it is thought.

Collecting Eggs and Distributing Fry.

The U. S. fish commission steamer Gannet arrived at Portland from the Boothbay hatchery Thursday and will go out with the fleet today in quest of cod eggs. The Gannet has started in on the work of planting cod fry, having dropped about one and a half million of young cod yesterday about two miles westsouthwest of Half Way Rock, off the Maine coast, being the first lot she has distributed this season.

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SMALL BOATS HAD GOOD DAY.

LANDED OVER 40,000 POUNDS FRESH FISH AT THE FORT YESTERDAY.

One schooner is here from Boston with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters, sch. Beibina P. Domingoes being that craft. Sch. Motor is here to fix up and paint and get ready for south mackerel netting and sch. Annie and Jennie is here to fit out.

Outside of these craft practically everything in the shore fleet is out and taking advantage of the good fish day.

The little shore boats, the Italian power dory fleet and the lake boats had a great day yesterday and all did well. Before dark last night they had landed at least 40,000 pounds of fresh fish at the Fort, most of their catch being haddock. Besides this large amount, the lake boats shipped 11,000 pounds to Boston market, although one of them, the Eagle, took out her catch at the Fort.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Beibina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Motor, via Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Eagle, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Weasel, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Manhasset, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Sylvania, south mackerel seining.
Sch. Corsair, Rips.
Sch. Good Luck, Rips.
Sch. Olympia, Rips.
Sch. Harvard, Georges handlining.
Sch. Elector, dory handlining.
Sch. Athlete, dory handlining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.
Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.
Haddock, \$2.
Pollock, \$2.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.75.
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10.
Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.
Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round, \$1.
Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.
Halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

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Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date, of the catch of 1910 are 34,328 barrels against 32,868 barrels to date last year of the catch of 1909 and 42,895 barrels to date in 1909, of the catch of 1908.

Lost Portion of Trawls.

Sch. Aspinet, which arrived at Boston yesterday, reports losing 15 tubs of trawls on the recent trip.

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SEINING FLEET STARTING LATE.

FIRST SOUTHERN MACKEREL FARE LAST YEAR WAS LANDED APRIL 8.

A year ago yesterday, April 8, the first fare of fresh mackerel of the season was landed, sch. Elmer E. Gray Capt. Solomon Jacobs, putting in at Fortress Monroe, Va., with 19 barrels of large fish. The count was 1257 mackerel and they brought at Fulton Market, to which place they were quickly shipped, 80 and 90 cents each. On the 1257 fish the vessel stocked \$970. The fare was taken in 26 fathoms of water, in latitude 36.55 north. The first fish were seen April 1 and the catch of the Gray was made April 7.

Thus far this season but three seiners have gone south, schs. Clintonia, Arthur James and Ralph L. Hall. No word has yet been received of any fish seen and no fares have as yet been landed.

The catch of fresh mackerel and number of fares landed in recent years out south, to and including April 9 were as follows:

1910—One fare, 19 barrels.
1909—None.
1908—Seventeen fares, 1906 barrels.
1907—Two fares, 70 barrels.
1906—Two fares, 40 barrels.
1905—One fare, 30 barrels.
1904—Nine fares, 855 barrels.
1903—Eight fares, 296 barrels.
1902—Sixteen fares, 1551 barrels.

The second fare last year was landed April 19, at Fortress Monroe, by sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron. There were seven barrels in the lot.

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Reciprocity in the Very Air Down There.

A fine fishing schooner was Bros., Dayspring, N. S., on Monday. Bros., Dayspring, N. S., on Monday. She is built on the latest principles and is said to be as fine a schooner as ever floated on the waters of the LaHave. Her dimensions are—120 feet over all, 26 feet beam, 10 feet six inches hold. She was named the "Benjamin C. Smith," in honor of the veteran and most successful captain of the Lunenburg fleet. The vessel will be commanded by Capt. John C. Corkum and will engage in the banks fishing business as soon as ready.

John McLean and Sons, Mahone Bay, launched a fine looking schooner for Capt. Conrad of Rose Bay on Monday.

The new sch. Ariston, recently built at Shelburne, arrived at Lunenburg, Wednesday. She is a finely built vessel and has every up-to-date accommodation and fitting. Her commander is Capt. John Walters. The schooner will be added to the big fishing fleet of Zwicker and Co., limited.

A fine vessel, christened the Gigantic, was launched at Conquerall Bank on Saturday from the yard of J. Norman Rafuse. The vessel is owned by A. V. Conrad, of Park's Creek, and others.

At Lower Bridgewater, on the same day, Naugler Bros. launched a pretty schooner, which left on Monday for Lunenburg. She was named the Jennie E. Duff, and will be commanded by Capt. Haliburton Himmelman, well-known at this port.

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Portland Fish Notes.

About the only fish fare of any size landed here Friday was from the Gloucester schooner Speculator, which for the past four weeks has been fishing on Georges and Brown's banks. No attempt was made to get halibut, the schooner having fitted out for shack fishing. Rough weather prevailed about all the trip, the only damage resulting, however, being some slight injury to the riggings. She brought in about 35,000 pounds of cod and haddock, which were purchased by the Lord Brothers for splitting.

A baby porpoise on exhibition in the window of J. H. McDonald's fish store on Commercial street attracted great attention yesterday afternoon.

THE WHALING INDUSTRY.

Two Hundred Years Hunting Has Destroyed Many Species.

The whales that comprise the basis of the whaling industry are divided into the toothed whales and the whalebone whales. The great cachalot or sperm whale, is captured chiefly in the southern ocean and killed in large numbers for the sake of the "spermaceti," or "sperm oil," which forms the great mass of its head; but he is so fierce and active that he is not easily captured, and is not in immediate danger of extinction. The smaller toothed whales, the killers, dolphins and porpoises—though one of them (the bottlenose whale—is being killed out), are not as yet seriously threatened by commercial men. But the whalebone whales are in a parlous state. The right whales, as they are called, are the chief of these. They are huge creatures, 60 feet in length, with an enormous head, as much as one-third of the total length of the Greenland whale. Besides the Greenland species, there are four other "right whales," which may be considered as four varieties of the species. The head is not quite so large in them. The Biscay whale is one of them, and was hunted until it was exterminated in the Bay of Biscay, when the whalers, extending their operations further and further north came upon the Greenland whale, which proved to be even more valuable than the Biscay species. The huge-mouth of these two whales was hanging from its sides within the lips of a series of long bars or planks of wonderfully strong, elastic, horny substance—the "baleen," or "whalebone"—each plank being as much as eight or even nine feet long. Following close on one another and having hairy edges, they act as strainers so as to separate the floating food of the whale from the water, which rushes through the mouth as it swims.

The whalebone is of great value commercially, as well as the fat, or oil. A hundred years ago it fetched only \$100 a ton; now the same quality fetches more than \$6000. The Rorquals or "finners," have smaller heads and mouths; their whalebone is so short as to be valueless; but they grow to even greater size than the right whales and are found on our own coasts and all over the world. The humpback whale is one of these "finners," distinguished by its excessively long flippers and great bulk.

The Biscay whale was the first of these great creatures to be hunted. The Basques began its capture as early as the ninth century. It was exterminated by them in the Bay of Biscay, and only saved from complete extinction elsewhere by the discovery of the more valuable Arctic or Greenland whale began in 1612, and in 200 land whale. The capture of the Greenyears the unceasing pursuit of this species had driven it to the remote places of the Arctic Ocean. It is now so rare that it is not worth while to send a ship out for the purpose of hunting it, and it will probably never recover its numbers. An idea of its value and former abundance may be formed from the fact that between 1669 and 1778 it yielded to 1400 Dutch vessels about 57,000 individuals, of which the baleen and oil produced a money value of \$20,000,000. Of late years a single Greenland whale would bring \$4500 for its whalebone and \$1500 for its oil. These two great right whales, having been turned on to the wilder and less valuable finback whales or finners. In these days of steam and electric light the Arctic night is robbed of its terrors, and the whale chase goes on very fast. The shot harpoon was invented in 1870 by Sven Foyn, a Norwegian, and is the most deadly and extraordinary weapon ever devised by man for the pursuit of helpless animals. It is this invention which has, in conjunction with swift steamships, rendered the destruction of whales a matter of ease and deadly certainty.

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Fitting for Rips Fishing.

Capt. William Goodwin is fitting sch. Mina Swim for Rips fishing and Capt. William Forbes is fitting sch. Muriel for the same line of fishing.

Salt Bankers Spoken.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf reports speaking sch. Blanche on the Peak recently. He also saw sch. Arethusa there and a few others of the salt bank fleet.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Kineo sold to the New England Fish Company at 12 cents per pound for white and 1 1/2 cents per pound for grey.

SCH. KINEO HAS HALIBUT FARE.

SCH. EGLANTINE BRINGS SMALL HANDLINING TRIP FROM GEORGES.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, is in this morning, from the Gully, with a fine fare, 27,000 pounds of halibut 10,000 pounds of fresh hake and 5000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut and hake brought fine prices and the craft will make a nice stock.

Sch. Eglantine, from Georges handling, brings a small fare of 15,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut. The vessel had the misfortune to lose an anchor and large piece of her string of cable, the latter getting over the tip of the bowsprit during a heavy gale, and parting. A new piece was secured at one of the Cape Shore ports.

The easterly storm held the shore boats up yesterday and none of them got out to fish. On Saturday afternoon, however, they landed quite a lot of fish at the Port and the lake boats also had 27,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Kineo, Gully, 27,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges handling, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Hortense, via Boston.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Grace Otis, pollock seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Sch. Harvard, Georges, handling.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, Rips.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, Rips.

Sch. Saladin, seining.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

Sch. Metacommet, haddocking.

Sch. Nokomis, haddocking.

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Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$2.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10.

Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.

Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round \$1.

Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.

Halibut 12c per lb. for white and 9 1/2c for grey.

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Lobster shipment small.

T wharf dealers, who depended on the prophecy of Saturday that a large cargo of lobsters was coming yesterday on the steamer Boston from Yarmouth, and sold what they had on hand at low prices will be a disappointed lot this morning. Instead of the large cargo expected, only 345 crates of lobsters came in on the Boston, and in consequence it is more than likely that the prices, which dropped a bit Saturday, will rise again, possibly higher than ever.

Last week lobsters were nearly out of the market. Home fishermen sent to Boston only 10 crates and the fishermen in the provinces 395 crates. This was a small showing, compared with the 2785 crates received in the same week of last year, 38 from home fishermen and 2747 from the provinces.

TEN FISH TRIPS AT T WHARF.

MOSTLY SMALL TRIPS CAUSING PRICES TO MAKE SHARP ADVANCE.

There are only 10 trips at T wharf this morning, and not a large one in the lot. But two of the crafts are from off-shore, sch. Terra Nova having 41,000 pounds of cod and haddock, and 1800 pounds of halibut, being from the eastward, and evidently having hard weather, or else finding fish scarce. Sch. Helen B. Thomas has been off on the hake spot near northern Georges, and has 43,000 pounds, 40,000 pounds of which are "goats."

Several of the market boats have fine fares, two of the Provincetown fleet, schs. Natalie J. Nelson and Annie Perry have 24,000 and 27,000 pounds respectively. Schs. Warren M. Goodspeed and Tecumseh also have good fares.

Prices are way up. Off-shore haddock brought \$2 and \$3 was paid for new, while shore stock went at \$3.50 and \$4.25. Large cod sold at from \$4.25 to \$6, and market cod from \$4 to \$6. Hake brought \$3.50 to \$6, and halibut 11 and 12 cents per pound.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Terra Nova, 22,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 1800 halibut.

Sch. Annie Perry, 25,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 300 haddock, 2000 cod, 40,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 3500 cusk.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 7000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Actor, 5500 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 22,000 haddock, 1700 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25; large cod, \$4.25 to \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$6; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; halibut, 11 and 12 cents per lb.

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Maine Sardine Fishery.

The Maine sardine packing season will open on April 15, and considerable interest is being shown by buyers as to the new prices. But it is thought that the date of the announcement will be later than usual this year.

Stocks of last year's goods in packers' hands are lighter than ever before known at this time of the season.

It is said that the new questions as to factory inspection and restriction of privileges have a tendency to defer the opening of a number of Maine plants.

The demand continues good for Portuguese and Norwegian sardines.

Ice Damaged Grand Bank, N. F., Fleet.

At Grand Bank, N. F., a few days ago, the river ice broke up. The harbor was packed with vessels preparing for the fishery, and the force of the ice was irresistible and as it swept down and against the vessels it snapped moorings and carried a number of them out. Many were badly wrecked and the damage is estimated in thousands. One side of the beacon was carried away, but the latter can be kept going by means of repairs.

Canadians Want Lobster Season Extended.

Representations will be made from Yarmouth to the Canadian Department of Marine and Fisheries of the advisability of extending the lobster fishing season this spring. Owing to the unusually severe weather conditions prevailing up to the present time, the fishermen along this coast have done practically nothing. It is felt that the period of two months remaining in which they are allowed to fish, is altogether too short in which to make up the average season's catch.

Had Sails Torn.

The knockabout Aspinet at T wharf, Saturday, bore marks of the violence of the late gales out on Georges. Last Wednesday during the worst of the gale the jumbo was ripped as it were tissue paper. Capt. Brigham rigged up his trysail and made it serve until he reached port.

Newfoundland Banker.

One Newfoundland schooner, the Grace Tibbo, Capt. Fudge, has been banking since February, and is reported to have arrived at Rose Blanche with 900 quintals, a few days ago.

Fifth Southern Seiner Sails.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons, sailed today on a southern mackerel seining trip, being the fifth of the fleet to get away thus far this season, the others being schs. Clintonia, Arthur James, Ralph L. Hall and Sylvia.

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Provincial Fishermen Arrive.

About 150 men arrived here yesterday from the Provinces to engage in drifting and dory handling.

For Dory Handling.

Capt. Uriah Firth will now fit sch. Judique for dory handling.

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WOULD LEASE CLAM FLATS.

CAPE COD PEOPLE TO TRY OUT THE STATE PLAN OF FARMING THERE.

There is quite a little uncertainty today regarding the proposition to lease clam flats. While the expectation all last week was that the committee on fisheries and game would report no legislation necessary on the annual report of the state fish and game commission and while that step was taken, some one immediately got to work on the committee with the result that it asked that the report be sent back for further consideration.

As this report of the state fish and game commission contains the recommendation for the leasing of clam flats, the acceptance of the verdict of no legislation necessary by the House and Senate would have ended the matter for this year. The fact, however, that it was recalled so quickly started the story that something was doing on the proposition. Although Representative Clarence J. Fogg of Newburyport has put in a lot of work in opposition to this bill and claims he has its defeat practically accomplished there is an element in the House that would like to see the experiment tried. They are not particular where it is tried and as some favorable comment has been made on the measure by people from Cape Cod, it has been suggested that the bill be amended to apply only to Barnstable county. While the Newburyport member opposes such a suggestion it puts him in rather a peculiar position and one which gives the other side the opportunity to say he is playing the part of the "dog in the manger." When it was discovered that the report of the state commission had been sent back to the committee only one or two members were present and none of them knew what was in the air.

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Sch. Grampus Here For Repairs.

The fish commission sch. Grampus, which has been in winter quarters at Woods Hole, arrived here this forenoon to fix up and go into commission for the season.

Refitted at Portland.

Sch. Speculator, of this port, which landed a big fare of shack fish on Friday, has refitted at Portland and sailed Monday for the banks.

Alewife Bait at Edgartown.

The Times correspondent at Edgartown writes that alewives are now running fairly well and that the price is reasonable for fishermen who want the fish for bait.